

# -District KAC News-

PROMOTING the writing craft, GATHERING and COMPILING helpful learning and networking resources, and PROVIDING NEWS of the achievements of Kansas Authors Club District 1 members.

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## June Haiku

*Shifting to lazy  
June shines on flag, family.  
Writers take a break*





# State writing contest deadline this week + some author talks

Don't forget that the deadline for entering our 2022 writing contests is fast approaching! You must have your entries in via Submittable by midnight on June 15.

Read what member Nancy Julien Kopp has to say about entering writing contests. If you are new to writing, you will enjoy the many posts and writing tips shared on Nancy's website. Kansas Authors Club guidelines can be found at <https://www.kansasauthorsclub.org/writing-contests---all-ages.html>

Here are some highlights from the June line-up of speakers across the state. If you do not live near a town with active monthly meetings, I highly recommend you select a meeting from the list of options happening by Zoom. Reach out to district presidents if you would like to be included on their list of updates to members. They'd be happy to accommodate you.

**Tuesday, June 14** – State-hosted Author Talk, 7:00pm (Zoom Attendance Only)

Lisa Stewart, winner of the 2021 *"It Looks Like a Million"* book design award, speaks on, "Writing the Radical—Saying the World is Kind and Good." Learn more and register.

**Saturday, June 18, 10am-12pm, District 2** (in person in Emporia AND Zoom attendees welcome) Historical performer Kitty Hamilton presents her characters in the Chautauqua style. Her other projects include writing and self-publishing including two books on the life of Charles Curtis. She has also written an original script based on the home front during our country's most recent conflict in Iraq. She is a mother, grandmother, Realtor and formerly self-employed entrepreneur living on what was once Kanza tribal lands near Council Grove. Email D2 President, Deb Irsik, with request for Zoom Link.

Remember that you can always check on the most current opportunities with Kansas Authors Club on our website. Bookmark this link for the current news feed (all news), and this link for meeting information only.



## Welcome new D-1 Member Sara

Sara Neiswanger is an aspiring picture book author. She is currently developing her first picture book that combines lessons from the history of her hometown, Topeka, KS, with true characters that reflect timeless qualities to instill in our youth. What will result is a pride in where we came from and where we live, along with a boost of 'anything is possible'.

Sara has a bachelor of business administration degree from Washburn University and works full-time for a non-profit trade association advocating for its mission and cultivating a sense of belonging.

When not writing or working, Sara stays active playing tennis and riding her bike on the local trails. She also enjoys expanding her palate, trying new recipes and sampling microbrews.

# Programs, Contests, Reminders, etc.

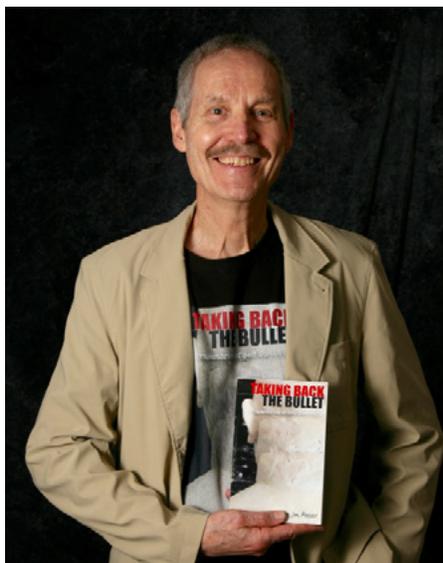
## Potter to give June D-1 program by zoom

Jim Potter, President of District 6 of Kansas Authors Club, will join us this Saturday to talk about his series of books—the most recent a novella called **Deputy Jennings Meets the Amish**.

Potter is a Kansan by blood and residency, not birth. Growing up in Illinois, his family visited relatives in Hutchison almost every summer. Living in Reno County (wheat country since 1976) Jim and Alex—his sculptor wife—reside at “Sandhenge,” their artistic hideaway.

Potter’s discipline in literary work was honed as a deputy sheriff writing multiple reports every work shift. Deadlines were real; patrol officers couldn’t go home until the paperwork was completed.

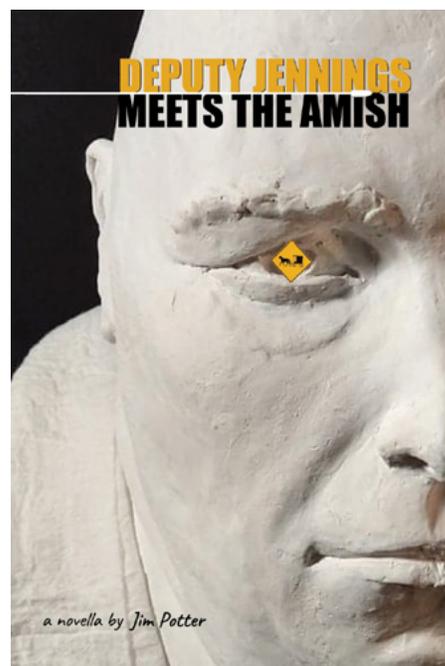
Potter is proud of **Under the Radar: Race at School**, an award-winning play used in workshops at schools; **Cop in the Classroom: Lessons I’ve**



D-6 President Jim Potter and his latest book, a novella (right)

**Learned, Tales I’ve Told**, a police memoir; **Taking Back the Bullet: Trajectories of Self-Discovery**, a novel; and **Deputy Jennings Meets the Amish**, a just published novella.

Check out over 200 of Potter’s blogs and podcasts at [www.jimpotterauthor.com](http://www.jimpotterauthor.com).



## Herrmann reports latest published works

Duane Herrmann reports that the Adirondack Center for Writing and Carrot Ranch both posted four responses to their weekly prompts. **Fevers of the Mind** published five of his poems while **Dashboard Horus** published one. Poet’s Choice announced that three of their anthologies with his work are now available as ebooks. These titles are: **Global Warming, Jumbled Part 2**, and **To the Newspaper Again**.

Duane is also an active member of the Topeka Genealogical Society and presented the program at the group’s latest meeting at the library.

He is currently working on several family history projects.

**TING & the Caterbury Tales**  
Glendyn Buckley and Barbara Waterman-Peters

**Cat lovers rejoice! Barbara Waterman-Peters and Glendyn Buckley have officially launched their latest collaborative work.**

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## Kansas notable books for 2022

### Are you submitting your books?

### As a Kansas author, you should be

TOPEKA – This year's list of Kansas Notable Books continues the tradition of celebrating the rich stories and culture of Kansas.

"The 2022 Kansas Notable Books list recognizes 15 books written by Kansans or about Kansas," said Ray Walling, Acting State Librarian. "Through their work, the authors take readers on a journey through the wetlands of the Cheyenne Bottoms to the baseball fields of the Kansas City Monarchs. Readers can be transported back in time to the 1887 election in Argonia or to the epic battle of twin sisters enabled with superpowers facing a sinister force. This year's titles include something for everyone. I hope all Kansans will visit their local public library to check out these wonderful titles."

Each year, the Kansas Notable Books list features 15 books, published during the previous calendar year, which are about or set in Kansas, or written by a Kansas author. This year's selection committee includes representatives of public, university, and school libraries, teachers, academics, and writers.

Kansas Notable Books authors will be awarded their medals at the Kansas Book Festival on September 24 at Washburn University. The public is invited.

Kansas Notable Books is a project of the Kansas Center for the Book, a program at the State Library of Kansas which is the state affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book. The mission of the Kansas Center for the Book is to highlight the state's literary heritage and foster an interest in books, reading, and libraries.

For more information or questions about Kansas Notable Books program, visit [kslib.info/notablebooks](https://kslib.info/notablebooks) or contact the State Library of Kansas at 785-296-3296 or email [infodesk@ks.gov](mailto:infodesk@ks.gov).

*This year's list...*

***Ava: A Year of Adventure in the Life of an American***

***Avocet*** by Mandy Kern (Great Bend), illustrated by Onalee Nicklin (Emporia), Meadowlark Press

***Blue Collar Saint: Poems*** by Brenda Leigh White (Emporia), Meadowlark Press

***Field Journal: Volume XIII, 2021, The Santa Fe Trail*** by Symphony in the Flint Hills (Cottonwood Falls)

***From This Moment: A Novel*** by Kim Vogel Sawyer (Hutchinson), Waterbrook

***The Greatest Thing: A Story About Buck O'Neil*** by Kristy Nerstheimer (Overland Park), illustrated by Christian Paniagua, (Queens, NY) The Little Fig

***Haven's Secret (The Powers Book 1)*** by Melissa Benoist, Jessica Benoist (Council Grove), Mariko Tamaki, Abrams Books

***How to Resist Amazon and Why*** by Danny Caine (Lawrence), Microcosm Publishing

***Killing Dragons: Order of the Dolphin*** by Kristie Clark (Jetmore), Delphi Imprint

***Mad Prairie: Stories and a Novella*** by Kate McIntyre (Worcester MA), University of Georgia Press

***Policing Sex in the Sunflower State: The Story of the Kansas State Industrial Farm for Women*** by Nicole Perry (Lawrence), University Press of Kansas

***Running Out: In Search of Water on the High Plains*** by Lucas Bessire (Norman OK), Princeton University Press

***Stormbreak: A Seafire Novel*** by Natalie C. Parker (Lawrence), Razorbill

***A Vote for Susanna: The First Woman Mayor*** by Karen M. Greenwald (Rockville MD), illustrated by Sian James (Cambridge UK), Albert Whitman & Co.

***White Hot Hate: A True Story of Domestic Terrorism in America's Heartland*** by Dick Lehr (Belmont MA), Mariner Books

***Words Is a Powerful Thing: Twenty Years of Teaching Creative Writing at Douglas County Jail*** by Brian Daldorph (Lawrence), University Press of Kansas

For more information about the State Library of Kansas, please visit <https://kslib.info>.

JOIN TODAY!

# Writing Contests Final Day for Entries June 15

2022 Guidelines for [Adult Literary Contests](#), [Youth Writing Contests](#), [Book Awards](#), and our new [Poetry Chapbook Contest](#).

Advertising Packages for the 2022 Convention are now available!

[Learn More](#)



## 2022 State Writing Conference

Hosted by District 2  
Double Tree by Hilton  
Lawrence, Kansas  
October 21-23, 2022

## AUTHOR TALKS



Kansas Authors Club  
Author Talk Series

**Lisa Stewart**

**"Writing the Radical—Saying  
the World is Kind and Good"**

Tuesday, June 14

7:00pm

Lisa Stewart: 2021 "It Looks Like a Million"  
Book Award Winner

### **"Writing the Radical—Saying the World is Kind and Good."**

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, June 14, 7:00pm via Zoom

*In 2012, Lisa Stewart rode 500 miles, alone, on her horse through Kansas and Missouri to fulfill a childhood dream. Lisa will speak about her notetaking and communications on the trip and how she handled writing about the love and kindness she encountered without sounding saccharine or appearing to promote a message. She will speak about why and how she made such a trip, the nature of horses, what she personally gained from the experience, and what she hopes others will learn about the beauty and kindness of the world.*

[Register for our June 14 Author Talk](#)



*The Big Quiet:  
One Woman's  
Horseback Ride  
Home, by Lisa D.  
Stewart*

[Learn More](#)

# Meeting Minutes

## Kansas Authors Club District One Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2022

**Present:** Thea Rademacher, Barbara Waterman Peters, Anne Spry, Ruth Maus, Carol Yoho, Barbara Brady, Duane Johnson, Reed Holwegner, Fred Appelhanz, Aimee Gross, Andrea Bozarth, and Max Dunavan.

There was a temporary change in the time for today's meeting and we started at 12:30 P.M. We return to the 1:00 P.M. in June.

Welcome to our visitors Reed and Andrea.

**Program:** KAC opened with our monthly program titled "Book Launch Ideas" presented by three KAC District One members—Anne Spry, Barbara Waterman Peters, and Thea Rademacher. It lasted from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. I took 3 pages of notes on the presentation, which was filled with wonderful and both new and tested ideas for introducing one's publication and preparing the community links necessary for a successful book launch. Specific ideas were introduced regarding identifying the authors readership niche, planning stages, using media and other outlets, and making the launch fun. Speakers discussed the actual launch events and the importance of a well-staffed plan to meet the public and sell books. The entire presentation was recorded and

is available through the KAC District One website. I heartily recommend that anyone interested in this detailed and quality offering go to the website and watch the video.

### **Business Meeting: Announcements:**

Participants were reminded of the opportunity to attend talks on "The Big Quiet" in June.

There is an exhibition and Awards ceremony in Manhattan, Ks in June for Cowboy Poets, for those interested.

Barbara Waterman Peters will be presenting to District 6. Watch for that announcement or visit the District 6 webpage for more information.

**The May 2022 Secretary's report** by Max Dunavan: was approved unanimously as published in the newsletter and online (moved by Carol Yoho and seconded by Barbara Brady). Please refer to that report in the district one newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reaona was unable to be with us today. There is still a question relative to the April report.. The participants tabled the issue until certain clarifications can be obtained from the treasurer.

**A motion:** From the floor, there was on-going discussion of speaker fees. The current speaker's fee as approved is \$35 for those requiring a

speakers fee. After hearing concerns about the low speaker's fee and hearing the discussion, Max Dunavan made a motion which was seconded. "It is moved that we establish a new structure which permits a speaker fee of \$50, while recognizing that some speakers do not require, desire, or need to be paid a fee. Additionally, when a given speaker is identified whose information or content is important to the district, the board will have the authority to offer and contract for a higher fee, provided funds are available. Likewise, costs of speaker transportation or other reimbursement will be determined by the board on a case-by-case basis as needed. This motion will be put out to all district members for a vote by the president.

Carol Yoho has already voted yes as she will be unable to attend the next district one meeting. Look for the opportunity to vote on this issue in an upcoming email.

**Open Mic:** Several people presented information on the Open Mic "Words in the Wind." The first meeting was a Zoom event in April and the second on May 18 at the Round Table Book store in NOTO (Topeka) was an in-person only event. Those attending reported that one of the cowboy poets shared his poetry and it was a fun time. There is a stated goal for these meetings to eventually be a hybrid format to expand the venue to other participants and all districts. Also, the

# Treasurer's Report

Round Table Bookstore has liquid refreshments and snacks that can be purchased.

Duane believes that we need a Facebook page for the Words in the Wind Open Mic. After discussion, Thea Rademacher and Barbara Waterman Peters have agreed to put that page together. There was no vote on this process, but those participating had no opposition to the additional Facebook page.

The June Words in the Wind will be inviting prose writers to share their work. Please use this opportunity to share your work and promote District One membership. Poets will be presenting on an every-other-month schedule.

**Anthology:** Note we have a proposed April 2023 publishing date, but have yet to receive entries from members. Members have up to ten pages available (double spaced for prose) to showcase their work. Please submit your entries to Max Dunavan or Barbara Waterman Peters.

**Contest:** The Kansas Authors Club annual contests are fast approaching. Entries must be received by June 15<sup>th</sup> through Submittable. If you do not have internet access please work with your chapter president to submit your contest entry.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M. and the next regular meeting will be June 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Kansas Author's Club  
District 1

Unaudited Treasurer's Report  
Calendar Year Ending 12/31/22

*This report from April is awaiting member approval.*

		<u>April</u>
Balance as of		<u>8,179.91</u>
Income	Dues Donation Cowboy Poet Donations Registrations Meals Advertisement Payments Sponsorship Book Fair Sales	
	Total Receipts	<u>-</u>
Expenses	Zoom Registration Postage Supplies Advertising Speaker Fees Submittable Admin Fees Refunds Book Fair Payments to Authors	
	Total Expenses	<u>-</u>
	Net Increase/(Decrease)	<u>-</u>
Ending Balance		<u>8,179.91</u>
Petty Cash /Checks to Deposit		201.50
Outstanding Checks	Speaker Fees Refunds Book Fair Sales Donations	(67.37)  (100.00)
Total funds		<u>8,214.04</u>

Respectfully Submitted

Reaona T. Hemmingway  
Treasurer